Reversions in the N. P.L., New Delhi

2640. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reversions done by the Director, National Physical Laboratory, Pusa, New Delhi during the last year in non-technical category of staff and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether such persons were on leave and were served reversion orders at their residence;

(c) whether it is a fact that two DPC meetings were summoned at very short duration on the 20th May, 1985, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the normal notice period for summoning such DPC meetings; and

(e) whether the reverted persons have represented; if so, the action taken by the N.P.L. authorities and whether they have been informed about the action; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATL): (a) Two reversions were done by the Director, National Physical Laboratory, Pusa, New Delhi during the past year in non-technical staff. One stenographer (who was on probation) and one U.D.C. working on pro-tempore basis. They were reverted to lower post because of unsatisfactory work.

(b) The stenographer was served reversion orders while on duty, whereas the UDC was served reversion orders while on leave.

(c) No, Sir. Two DPC meetings were summoned on 20th May, 1985 and 20th June, 1985 in respect of the post of UDC (after the reversion of the UDC mentioned above). The panel prepared by the DPC on 20-5-1985 was just adequate to cover the vacancies, but since two persons declined to accept promotion, a further DPC had to be convened on 20-6-85. Both the DPCs found the aforementioned employees unsuitable for employment and regular promotion.

(d) DPC meetings are summoned as and when necessity arises. for filling up the posts as per exigencies of service.

(e) Yes, Sir. The representations were considered and it was established that there was no substance in their grievances. The concerned officials were informed accordingly.

Availability of seats in direct flight from Delhi-Bhubaneshwar

2641. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulty in availability of seats in the direct flight from Delhi to Bhubaneshwer and vice-versa;

(b) the reasons for not increasing quota of seats allotted to the State of Orissa; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) The average utilization of seats on the sectors Delhi-Bhubaneshwer-Delhi during the year ending June, 1985, was very short of the actual allocation. There is, therefore, no apparent need for increasing the quota of seats on these sectors.

UNESCO assistance for conservation of the Sun Temple at Konarka

2642. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNESCO's assistance has been sought for the conservation of the Sun Temple at Konark;